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What is claimed is:

1. A method for generating Japanese text in response to signals generated by a user, the method comprising:
  3. receiving signals generated by the user which specify one or more collections each of which includes one or more syllables;
  5. determining that one or more predicted words include any syllable of each of the one or more collections;
  7. presenting the one or more predicted words to the user for selection.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the one or more collections are each associated with a respective consonant.
3. The method of Claim 2 wherein a vowel one of the one or more collections is associated with a null consonant.
4. The method of Claim 2 wherein each of the one or more collections corresponds to a row of a fifty sounds table.
1. 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein the signals generated by the user specify each of the one or more collections in response to a corresponding individual action taken by the user.
1. 6. The method of Claim 5 wherein each individual action taken by the user is a single key press.
1. 7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

2                   determining a kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words;

3                   and

4                   wherein presenting the one or more predicted words comprises presenting the  
5                   kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words.

1               8.       The method of Claim 1 wherein presenting the one or more predicted words

2                   comprises:

3                   presenting the one or more predicted words in order of relative frequency of use.

1               9.       A computer readable medium useful in association with a computer which

2                   includes a processor and a memory, the computer readable medium including computer  
3                   instructions which are configured to cause the computer to generate Japanese text in response to  
4                   signals generated by a user by:

5                   receiving signals generated by the user which specify one or more collections each  
6                   of which includes one or more syllables;

7                   determining that one or more predicted words include any syllable of each of the  
8                   one or more collections;

9                   presenting the one or more predicted words to the user for selection.

1               10.      The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein the one or more collections

2                   are each associated with a respective consonant.

1               11.      The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein a vowel one of the one or

2                   more collections is associated with a null consonant.

1               12.      The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein each of the one or more

2                   collections corresponds to a row of a fifty sounds table.

1           13. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein the signals generated by the  
2 user specify each of the one or more collections in response to a corresponding individual action  
3 taken by the user.

1           14. The computer readable medium of Claim 13 wherein each individual action taken  
2 by the user is a single key press.

1           15. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein the computer instructions are  
2 configured to cause the computer to generate Japanese text in response to signals generated by a  
3 user by also:

4           determining a kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words;

5           and

6           wherein presenting the one or more predicted words comprises presenting the  
7           kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words.

1           16. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein presenting the one or more  
2 predicted words comprises:

3           presenting the one or more predicted words in order of relative frequency of use.

1           17. A device comprising:

2           at least one input module for enabling a user to generate input signals;

3           at least one display module; and

4           user input logic (i) which is operatively coupled between the input device and the  
5 display device and (ii) which generates Japanese text in response to the input signals  
6 generated by the user by:

7           receiving the input signals generated by the user through the input module  
8           wherein the input signals specify one or more collections, each of which includes  
9           one or more syllables;

determining that one or more predicted words include any syllable of each of the one or more collections;

presenting the one or more predicted words to the user for selection in the display module.

18. The device of Claim 17 wherein the one or more collections are each associated with a respective consonant.

19. The device of Claim 18 wherein a vowel one of the one or more collections is associated with a null consonant.

20. The device of Claim 18 wherein each of the one or more collections corresponds to a row of a fifty sounds table.

21. The device of Claim 17 wherein the input signals generated by the user specify each of the one or more collections in response to a corresponding individual action taken by the user.

22. The device of Claim 21 wherein each individual action taken by the user is a single key press of the input module.

23. The device of Claim 17 wherein the text input logic generates Japanese text in response to the input signals generated by the user by also:

determining a kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words;

and

wherein presenting the one or more predicted words comprises presenting the representation of each of the one or more predicted words in the display module.

- 1 24. The device of Claim 17 wherein presenting the one or more predicted words
- 2 comprises:
  - 3 presenting the one or more predicted words in order of relative frequency of use.
- 1 25. The device of Claim 17 wherein the device is a wireless telephone.
- 1 26. The device of Claim 17 wherein the device is a text messaging device.
- 1 27. The device of Claim 17 wherein the device is a computer.
- 1 28. The device of Claim 17 wherein the input module comprises a numerical keypad.